

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Xun XU et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,464

Filed: April 4, 2002

For: PRIMARY NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE OF THE
SHRIMP WHITE SPOT BACILLIFORM VIRUS (WSBV),
DISCOVERY SYSTEMS CONTAINING THIS
SEQUENCE AND DETECTION KITS AND ANTIVIRAL
TARGETS FOR DETECTION AND CONTROLLING
SHRIMP VIRUS OUTBREAK AND SPREAD

Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: S. Foley

Atty. Docket: CL000895USNAT

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OFFICIAL**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action from Examiner Foley mailed on September 15, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. Please charge the Extension of Time fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group 425-565 claims 4(a), 4(d), 4(e), 5(a), 5(e), 8, 9 drawn to a nucleic acid sequence (and its complement) encoding molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups 1-424 and 566-861.